

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Kessler, *Pastor*

Mrs. Carissa M Bennett, *Parish Secretary*
Mrs. Raquel Swierczewski, *R.C.I.A*

Mrs. Norma Echevarria, *Faith Formation Director*
**Mr. Edgar Noveron, *Faith Formation Director
& Youth Director***

Marriage - Baptism

Call the church office. Marriages, call at least 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. on Saturday or by appointment.

Pastoral Council

Meetings are 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. September thru May except National Holidays.

Religious Education

Children, grades 1-Confirmation, are required to attend religious education classes. Call the office to register your children. Adult classes also available.

Parish Registration

We welcome new parishioners to the parish and we ask them to register as soon as possible. Parish registration is important and necessary. Also, if you move away from the Parish please notify the office. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The 5th Sunday of Easter – In today's Gospel, Jesus declares "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield." Pruning is necessary in our lives as well as in vineyards. However, when we remain connected to the vine, pruning will be a natural and helpful procedure. On a daily basis, through prayer, we must be determined to stay connected to the vine. When we remain connected to God, our lives will be productive and bear much fruit.

Next weekend we will celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter. The readings at Mass will be taken from Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; and John 15: 9-17. Come prepared.

Congratulations to all who received their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st. Thanks to their parents and our Faith Formation Teachers.

In 1955 Pope Pius XII instituted the **Feast of St. Joseph The Worker**. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. This noble saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human labor. In this Year of St. Joseph – we plea - **St. Joseph the Worker and Husband of Mary, pray for us.**

May is the Month of Mary – Meditating on the mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, *may we grow closer the Jesus through Mary.* Pray the rosary alone, or with and for your family.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day – The Knights of Columbus will honor our Mothers with a special breakfast in the social hall after the 8 & 10:30 a.m. Masses. See this bulletin for further information. Come join us!

May 3rd is **the Feast Day of the Apostles Philip and James**. Philip is our Patron Saint and came from the same town as Peter & Andrew – Bethsaida in Galilee. Like other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion Philip told Nathanael we have found the "one about whom Moses wrote", Jesus of Nazareth – but Nathanael said to him, Can anything good come from Nazareth? Philip said to him "Come and see." **Happy Feast Day!**

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday (5/7) at 9:30 a.m. with reposition at 5 p.m. Exposition will not be held during the months of June, July, and August.

We wish to honor our Graduates at the Masses on the weekend of May 19th & 20th. Please see this bulletin for further details.

A Yard Sale sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, will be held here at **St. Philip's on Saturday, May 22nd from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Please donate the results of your spring cleaning towards this worthy cause. The much needed proceeds will go towards the **Forward With Christ Building Campaign**. There will be 2 drop-off days, Thursday & Friday, May 20th & 21st. Please, no large furniture, no books and no electronics. Call Dawn McGinn at 980-223-9400 with your questions.

Wow, about 70 parishioners signed up for last Sunday's **Adult Dinner gathering**. It's wonderful to resume our parish social gatherings. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the Family Life Committees and all who participated.

Next weekend, after Masses, parishioners will be able to **pick up the T-shirts** they ordered from the parish Youth Group. Thanks for your generosity and support of the youth of the parish.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1

9:00 am Andy DeRiso † by Rosemary Kelley

5:00 pm Nelson LaClair † by Jim & Mitzie Kermes

Sunday, May 2

8:00 am Anna Bertuccio † by Mark & Carol Vaglica

10:30 am Belinda Swagger † by Our Catholic Daughters

12:30 pm Luis Vargas † by Vargas Family

Monday, May 3

9:00 am John Sinicropi † by Andrea Napoli

Wednesday, May 5

6:00 pm Joan & Tony Matarazzo by Carol Micalizzi

Thursday, May 6

9:00 am Ana Cano † by Ramirez Family

Friday, May 7

9:00 am Nestor Antonio Ramirez † by Ramirez Family

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm Mother's of the Parish † by Our Catholic Daughters

Sunday, May 9

8:00 am Helena Swierczewski † by Swierczewski Family

10:30 am Josephine † by Linda Ortiz

12:30 pm Elsa Romero † by Romero Family

READERS

May 8 5:00 pm Mike Hoffman

May 9 8:00 am Joseph Chulick

10:30 am Jason Wodecki

12:30 pm Delia Loyola

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 8 5:00 pm M. Cook (HM), A. Eisele (HA),
B. McGinn (HC)

May 9 8:00 am P. Lyon (HM)
10:30 am T. Eaverson (HM), J. Eisele (HA),
P. Eaverson (HC)

12:30 pm Raúl E. (H), Lupe V., Cristina G.

ALTAR SERVERS

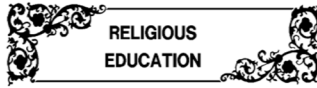
May 8 5:00 pm Reagan L., Bret L.

May 9 8:00 am Evie S., Braeden S.

10:30 am Raoul E., Sam W.



Dear Parishioners, the Knights of Columbus want to invite everyone to a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 9, 2021 from 9a - 12p (noon) in the new social hall. We will be serving Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes, Dessert & Beverages. Mothers & children 5 and under are free. Ages 6 & over are \$5 per plate. Please join us in celebrating this special day.



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

Mrs. Norma Echevarria: If you need to contact Faith Formation, please call the office at 704-872-2579 or email Norma at echevarria_norma@yahoo.com

Mr. Edgar Noveron : If you need to contact Edgar please call the office at 704-872-2579 or email Edgar at stphilipfaith@gmail.com



Formación de Fe

Mrs. Norma Echevarria: Si desea comunicarse con Norma de la Formación Fe, por favor llame a la oficina al 704-872-2579 y deje su mensaje o envíe un correo electrónico a Norma a echevarria_norma@yahoo.com

Mr. Edgar Noveron: Si desea comunicarse con Edgar de la Formación Fe, por favor llame a la oficina al 704-872-2579 y deje su mensaje o envíe un correo electrónico a Edgar a stphilipfaith@gmail.com

St. Philip adult dinner evening will be held on Sunday evening, May 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the new social hall. The theme will be "Spring Pot Luck". Bring your favorite dish to share. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** Call Norma Gasset at 843-339-1956 or e-mail @ budgasset@aol.com to RSVP.

Graduation is fast approaching and St. Philip's parish with the Family Life Committee will be honoring those graduates at masses on May 22 and 23. Graduates to be honored are those graduating with post graduate degrees, college degrees, high school and middle school diplomas. If your son or daughter are parishioners and graduating this year text or call Ann Simons at 704-880-6974 and give the name, phone number, graduate level and school name. We want to recognize all our graduates and can do this with your help. Please call today.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

First Saturday, May 1

8:40 am Rosary
9 am Mass
11 am First Communion
PM Wine & Cheese social

Sunday, May 2

9 & 11:30am Donuts & Coffee

Wednesday, May 5

11:15 am Bible Club

Thursday, May 6

7 pm Knights of Columbus
Officers Meeting

First Friday, May 7

9 am Mass
9:30 am Adoration
5 pm Reposition

Sunday, May 9

♥MOTHERS DAY♥
9am-noon Mother's Day Breakfast

May 2, 2021

Collection totals from Sunday April 25

5:00 p.m.....	\$2,066.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$1,447.00
10:30 a.m.....	\$1,491.57
12:30 p.m.....	\$606.00
Regular Total	\$5,610.57
Food Closet	\$134.00
Forward with Christ	\$1,013.00

Forward With Christ as of April 19

Total Funds in bank.....	\$1,594,433.80
Remaining Pledges.....	\$443,395.68

Total Cash & Pledges.....\$2,037,829.48



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PLEASE PRAY for

At home...Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Singleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Alan Eisele, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Dottie LaClair, Jack Kelley, Ligaya Kates, Mary Rutten, Jeannine Dessert, Healing for all ill with Coronavirus **Autumn Care...** Brenda Kelley, **The Citadel** Dianne Robinson. **Brookdale Peachtree Alzheimer's Care.** Richard Homola, **Please pray for the intentions on Our Prayer Tree. To place a name on the Prayer Tree, please sign the Prayer Book in the Lobby.**



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Happy Birthday 5/3/2021 to 5/9/2021

5/3 Rosemarie Albergo, Eric Klauss, Isabel Mejia, Citlalli Solis, Jeffery Talamage **5/4** Gregg Hinsey, Leonardo Javier, Daniela Ramirez, Ann Simons, Jami Trojanowski, Lauren Wells **5/5** Allie Gonzalez, Edward Johnson, William Little, Maximiliano Moreno Jr. **5/6** Matthew Carbone, Crescenciana Javier, Victorina Martinez, Brian Stoup, Vincenzo Vicidomini, Karlee Worth **5/7** Marian Archibald, Reynaldo Colunga, Roy Huffman, Christina Russo **5/8** Leonor Eldridge, Courtney Hanna, Bret Lund, Brody Rigsbee, Jesse Taub **5/9** Terri Greenwood, Jocelyn Jones, Lana Valdez

Happy Anniversary 5/3/2021 to 5/9/2021

5/3 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Walle
5/8 Mr. & Mrs. Valentin Carlos



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If you, a parishioner, are inadvertently omitted from the **Birthday's or Anniversaries** listed in this bulletin, please call the office and speak with Carissa to bring our records up to date. Thanks.